
--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Applicant claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 of German Application No. 199 31 902.2 filed July 8, 1999. Applicant also claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 of PCT/EP00/05519 filed June 15, 2000. The international application under PCT article 21(2) was not published in English.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention--

On Page 1, between lines 7 and 8, please insert:

--2. The Prior Art--

On page 4, between lines 6 and 23, please cancel the following paragraph:

"AT-A 9201926 describes a process for preparing phthalic anhydride in a main reactor having a downstream adiabatic reaction zone. Here, it is expressly stated that, for economic reasons, it is advantageous for the adiabatic reactor to be connected directly to the main reactor. Apart from the use of catalyst base bodies in the form of rings or spheres, mention is also made of the possible use of a catalyst having a monolithic structure, for example in the form of a honeycomb. In the reaction procedure described, this measure enables the yield of phthalic anhydride to be increased by about 1% by weight. The

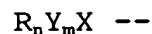
formation of the by-product phthalide is at the same time significantly reduce. The use of the monolithic catalyst shape mentioned is not described in any example. Likewise, no details are given of the production of a monolithic catalyst and associated problems."

On page 5, between lines 21 and 22, please insert:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

On Page 5, please cancel the last paragraph in lines 30 to 36, and please replace by inserting the following paragraph:

AZ --The invention provides a process for producing monolithic supported catalysts for gas-phase oxidation by coating the catalyst support by means of a suspension, wherein the latter comprises catalytically active composition comprising one or more types of TiO_2 and 1-10% by weight of one or more surfactants of the formula



On page 10, between lines 17 and 18, please insert:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--

A Marked-Up Version of Pages 1, 4, 5, and 10 is enclosed.